

Jul 21, 2011

Commissioner Paul
1200 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007



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Dear Commissioner Newman,

Southwest Gas is asking for a rate increase which would raise average home gas bills almost \$75 a year.

Now is not the time to raise gas rates nearly \$75.

The price of natural gas has fallen dramatically in the last two years. Gas finds provide some assurance that supplies will be abundant in the near future. If the rate increase proposed yields an increase of \$75 for the average household, then it must be that the average household is paying about \$45/month. Southwest Gas apparently needs some retraining in arithmetic. They need to demo how they calculate their average bills.

This is an extreme profit ploy that needs to be blocked in favor of a measure that represents SWG's increased costs.

Ben J. Tuchi
7971 N. Tuscany Drive
Tucson, AZ 85742

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ben Tuchi
[Redacted]
Tucson, AZ 85742-4300

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Many Arizonans are struggling to make ends meet. My

Father is 80 years old and I have multiple scelorsis. Neither

of us has had an increase in our SS(D)I Pleasedo not raise

rates now. Thank you.

Christina Morgan
[REDACTED]

Tucson, AZ 85705

John Morgan
[REDACTED]

Tucson, AZ 85705

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Christina Morgan
[REDACTED]

Tucson, AZ 85705-1839

(520) [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Flores

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Phoenix, AZ 85013-3708

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Burdick


Sahuarita, AZ 85629

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I am on a fixed income, with NO raises. Everything is going up, those of us in this situation need a break!!


As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. lee wilson


Tucson, AZ 85719-6103

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lyle Dorland
[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85739-1184

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Debra Stenson

[REDACTED]

Sahuarita, AZ 85629-8575

[REDACTED]

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Sandy Hanover
[REDACTED]
Green Valley, AZ 85622-8355

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Sincerely,

Mr. Robert SANDBERG

[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85711-3516
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Robert Burdick [bebob97@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 9:12 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Mr. Robert Burdick


Sahuarita, AZ 85629

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of lee wilson [mlvet95@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 9:11 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85719-6103

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Lyle Dorland [tdorland@q.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 8:13 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85739-1184

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Debra Stenson [debstenson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 7:43 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Mrs. Debra Stenson
[REDACTED]
Sahuarita, AZ 85629-8575
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Sandy Hanover [sandy.hanover@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 7:43 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Green Valley, AZ 85622-8355

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Robert SANDBERG [rhscook@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 21, 2011 3:41 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert SANDBERG
[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85711-3516
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Michael Cooper [ekimrepooc@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 9:36 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 18, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Cooper


Tucson, AZ 85705-6735

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Lloyd Leeper [cleeper@wlbgroup.com]
Sent: Monday, July 18, 2011 8:44 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lloyd Leeper

[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85712-3403
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of John Jenkins [jaybenaz@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 16, 2011 7:40 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 16, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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With no increase in social security and my gas bill going up each year, I don't want to have to make a choice between paying for my gas bill and eating. It just isn't right.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Jenkins

Bisbee, AZ 85603-9793

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Luise Faber [luisef@cox.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 9:50 AM
To: Kennedy-Web; stump-web@azccgov; pierce-web@azzgov; Burns-Web; Newman-Web
Subject: raising SW Gas rates

This is not the time to raise rates on SW Gas customers. Have you not heard,
we are in terrible economic conditions. You can't just keep upping the rates to customers.

Thank you.
Luise Faber

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Brandon Smith [theca-cabox@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 9:32 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 11, 2011

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And this won't help anyone but the gas company.

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brandon Smith

Tucson, AZ 85710-7127

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of james kinion [kinion5836@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 10:01 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. james kinion

[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85713-6322

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Patrick Warren [patrickwarren@cox.net]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 7:01 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Patrick Warren

[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85747-5016
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Elizabeth Notto [etnotto@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2011 7:01 AM
To: Newman-Web
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Notto family

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Miss Elizabeth Notto
[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85746-5065

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Tresa Kamali [talkingkama60@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2011 2:00 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 10, 2011

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tresa Kamali

[REDACTED]
Bullhead City, AZ 86439-2105
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Diana Pawelski [dianapawelski@care2.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2011 1:29 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 10, 2011

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Phoenix, AZ 85007

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PLEASE don't allow a raise in our natural gas prices. So many of us barely make ends meet as it is.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Diana Pawelski

[REDACTED]

Bullhead City, AZ 86442-6214

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Nathan Ervin [lynnandnate@msn.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2011 9:29 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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I'm retired

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Nathan Ervin
[REDACTED]
TUCSON, AZ 85741-1112
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Cheryl Marsden [marsden.cheryl@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2011 8:59 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

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Seniors are really struggling with all the increases and no relief in sight.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cheryl Marsden


Green Valley, AZ 85614-2223

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Richard Huebschman [huebschrp@cox.net]
Sent: Saturday, July 09, 2011 12:58 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 9, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman
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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Huebschman

[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85748-3719

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of vivian caramanna [vcaramanna@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 10:31 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 8, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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Like other americans and seniors we are struggling just to live . We don't need an increase on anything .

thank you ,

An full-time resident of Az.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. vivian caramanna

[REDACTED]
Fort Mohave, AZ 86426-6520
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Virginia Creager [drvcreager@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 10:56 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 8, 2011

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Surely now is NOT the time to make this significant increase of \$1.50 per week. Most of us are actually trying to conserve and this is how we are rewarded?

Reconsider your better side and your "good corporate citizenship".

Not just individuals should "tighten their belt", but our commercial entities as well.

Reconsider.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Virginia Creager

[REDACTED]
Litchfield Park, AZ 85340-0989
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Doug Sparks [pidgenbug@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 6:03 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Re: Southwest Gas seeks rate increase

I wished my wife and I could get the same increase in our income as your proposed increase in the gas bill. You know lost revenue from declining sales is just part of doing business, so do not try to put it back on your consumers. You know that most of the people in Sun City are living on fixed incomes and have a real hard time making ends meet. If you have not figured it out by now, all of you are going to get old and I hope that you get ripped by the utility companies just like you are doing to the people in Sun City.
Doug & Judie Sparks

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Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

Re: Rate Increase and Decoupling

And/or email and/or call each of the Commissioners as follows: *(Please send to both email addresses.)*

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Jennifer Ybarra

From: AARP [aarpaz@aarp.org] on behalf of Linda Peed [lindarpeed@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 2:18 PM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: Please Don't Raise our Southwest Gas Rates!

Jul 7, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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How do Arizona and the rest of the nation expect people to be able to pay their utilities when cost continues to raise and in many homes income is decreasing. No matter how economically people try to live their lives there is a limit that they can stretch their income. Middle income Americans are almost non-existent. They are now grouped with the poor Americans incomes and cannot continue to withstand the rising cost of just trying to get by. Please do not add further strain on the majority of the American Public!

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Linda Peed


Show Low, AZ 85901-5768

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Doug Sparks [pidgenbug@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2011 6:06 PM
To: Paul Newman
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Jennifer Ybarra

From: cl [foreclmcm@peoplepc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2011 4:06 PM
To: Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman; Bob Stump; Brenda Burns
Subject: Southwest Gas propsed rate increase and decoupling

I am against any rate increase and decoupling for Southwest Gas Corporation, Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458. We need to keep operating reate increases down. I don't ever see them coming back and asking for a decrease when the gas prices go down. We have been retired for over 20 and 30 years with no rate increase for our pensions and Social Security for the last two years.

We feel that companies should also conserve the same way we have had too. If we try to cut back on resources to save money I sure don't expect to have a rate increase to make up that loss for the company. That is why we try to conserve energy to keep our expenses down.

Thank you and please keep the seniors in mind when there are rate increases. Our incomes don't change.

Carol Lynn and John McMenamin

[REDACTED]
Sun City AZ 85351

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Jennifer Ybarra

From: PATSY RICHARD WARNICK [rwarnick49@msn.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 11:17 AM
To: Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman; Bob Stump; Brenda Burns
Cc: Rich Warnick
Subject: SOUTHWEST GAS RATE INCREASE

To Arizona Corporation Commission:

I believe that this rate increase is ridiculous. Social Security has effectively been in a 3 year freeze while our food prices rise, our gasoline prices soar other utility rates rise and on top of this Southwest gas wants to decouple. This is especially troublesome because they are trying to get lost revenues for energy efficiency programs that the government has asked the citizens to take to heart and try to conserve and cut back.

I personally do not have the gas hooked up to my house. I have solar hot water and in the winter heat my house by the fire place. Several years ago Southwest gas trespassed on my property and took my gas meter never leaving a note or any information as to why or when. We were attempting to see if we could last a winter without gas heat, and we can, but if we decide to go to gas we would have to pay for a new meter and installation costs. This is no way to build harmony in the community. I believe Southwest gas along with other utilities don't care. It is a income to them and damn their customers. A lot like our federal and state governments.

Sometimes I think our government needs to be reminded that this country had a revolution over a tax on tea.

Richard Warnick
[REDACTED]
Sun City, Az. 85351
[REDACTED]
rwarnick49@msn.com

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Jody Ryan [jmryan50@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 02, 2011 4:18 PM
To: Paul Newman
Subject: Docket #G-01551A-10-0458 Southwest Gas

Well here we go again. Last year it was Arizona American Water wanting to increase rates now Southwest Gas wants to not only increase rates but add on decoupling. Please do not let them have their way. The economy is no better now than it was last year. I haven't seen a raise in 2 years so I'm basically living on a fixed income. My medical bills keep going up as well as the cost of consumer goods. Maybe Southwest Gas needs to look within and see where they can save money like the rest of us instead of going to the consumer as asking us to balance their books.

Thank you.

Jody My Ryan

[REDACTED]
Sun City, AZ 85351

Jul 2, 2011

Commissioner Paul Newman
1200 W. Washington - 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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I have had to go on disability early because I am on dialysis 4x/wk. I will not have enough \$\$\$ to pay for an increase to SWGas and still get all the medications I am currently taking..

I know the economy is bad, but if they shut off their lights in the buildings at night and watered their plants when the sun was NOT shining this could save them \$ and help the depletion of water in our state. Please do NOT allow them to raise the rates.

As an elected Commissioner, please don't grant the Southwest Gas request to raise our rates.

Please vote NO on the South West Gas rate increase request!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Doris Newell
[REDACTED]
Tucson, AZ 85713-6643
[REDACTED]

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Darlene Collins [ohdaraz@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 3:12 PM
To: Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman; Bob Stump; Brenda Burns
Subject: Rate Increase and Decoupling

Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation
Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

Name & Address: Warren and Darlene Collins
[REDACTED]
Sun City, AZ 85351

Phone: [REDACTED]
E-Mail: ohdaraz@cox.net

Where will it end? Everyone wants to make big profits. We have cut our expenses to make ends meet and it all seems to be an exercise in futility...we cut, they raise the rates!

You are our spokesman, can't you see the situation we are in, which doesn't seem to be getting any better!?

Any increase will hurt us and decoupling will be a real slap in our face.
If a company does not make a profit they need to look to their expenses and cut, cut, cut like we have to since we don't have another option.

This out of control spending has to stop somewhere - this would be a good place to start!!

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Judy, Tom [jbrown@mailaka.net]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 4:36 PM
To: Paul Newman
Subject: SWG

Southwest Gas Corporation
Docket # G-01551A-10-0458
re: rate increase and decoupling

Please do NOT support a rate increase or an "energy efficiency enabling provision".

Thank you

Judy Brown

[REDACTED]

Sun City, AZ 85351

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Jennifer Ybarra

From: Wilma Van Landingham [vanlandinghamwilma@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 6:08 AM
To: Newman-Web
Subject: RATE INCREASE DOCKET # G-01551A-10-0458

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Please do not allow any rate increases fo utilities. We who live here in Sun City are on a fixed income and can hardly eat let alone pay more for gas. Now is not the time to increase anything. It is imperative that you do the right thing and not allow Southwest Gas or any other utility company to raise rates now.

Thank You

Wilma Van Landingham
Sun City, Az. 85351

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Plancich Patricia [patplan@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 30, 2011 7:49 PM
To: Paul Newman
Subject: Southwest gas rate increase

I realizes everyone is having a tough time in this economy but it is extremely unfair for seniors especially, but also moderate to low income families to replace the funds lost to conservation! We are preached to all the time to cut cost, save energy and now you want us to pay for it too! Our income has not changed in several years now because there isn't supposed to be a need for a cost of living increase! How come groceries go up & medicine costs have increased 50%, Gas has shot way up! We can not afford any raise in rates!

Thank you for your time and I hope you will consider all of us when making your decision.

Patricia & Gordon Plancich

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Eloise Larson [eloiselarson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 9:08 PM
To: Gary Pierce; Sandra Kennedy; Paul Newman; Bob Stump; Brenda Burns
Subject: SWG Rate Increase for Sun City

CARL L. & ELOISE A. LARSON

[REDACTED]
Sun City, AZ 85351-2531
[REDACTED]

Arizona Corporate Commission
Consumer Services Section
1200 W. Washington St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007

RE: Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation
Docket Nos.: G001551A010-0458
Subject: Rate Increase and Decoupling

We, the rate payers living in Sun City, are at the bottom of the money chain. We struggle to get by and pay our bills to live.

Sun City is now a poor city; the population is getting smaller, houses are empty and not selling, maintenance is dwindling and people are discouraged. Businesses and banks are moving out. There is a lot of empty retail space. Our dreams of a decent retirement are dying.

By increasing rates of our gas usage, Southwest Gas will hit us hard from two directions; in our individual dwellings and again in our assessments we must pay for our recreation centers.

Please do not place a further burden upon Sun City's residents by allowing a rate increase at this time to the gas utility. They are looking for better profits while we are trying to survive this bad economy.

Thank you for listening to our comments.

Carl L. Larson

Eloise A. Larson

Jennifer Ybarra

From: Cathy Oberkamp [cathy.the.teacher@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 3:31 PM
To: Pierce-Web; Gary Pierce; Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Newman-Web; Paul Newman; Stump-Web; Bob Stump; Burns-Web; Brenda Burns
Subject: Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458 -Southest Gas Corporation

Utility Name: Southwest Gas Corporation

Docket Numbers: G-01551A-10-0458

Re: Rate Increase and Decoupling

I personally feel another rate increase from Southwest Gas is NOT necessary but the decoupling methodology that will allow Southwest Gas to collect, from its ratepayers, lost revenues attributable to declining sales due to conservation and energy efficiency programs is INSANE!!!!!! I cannot believe this is even LEGAL.

Conservation should be rewarded with lower utility bills not a reward for greedy utility companies.

Please cast your vote AGAINST decoupling and unnecessary rate increases.

--

Catherine Oberkamp
[REDACTED]
Sun City, AZ 85351
cathyatplay@gmail.com
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Jennifer Ybarra

From: JBShe1403@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 2:36 PM
To: Kennedy-Web; Sandra Kennedy; Newman-Web; Paul Newman; Stump-Web; Bob Stump; Burns-Web; Brenda Burns; Pierce-Web; Gary Pierce
Subject: Southwest Gas Provision--NOTE NO!

Dear Commissioners.

I would like you to VOTE AGAINST the Application from Southwest Gas to raise gas rates in such excess. And Also vote NO to the Energy Efficiency Enabling Provision.

We as Seniors on a fixed income cannot pull those percents out of our income. Why should Southwest Gas be allowed such an increase at the expense of us on a fixed income.

Please Vote NO to Any increase.

Thank you,
Joyce Shellito

[REDACTED]
Sun City Az 85351
[REDACTED]

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What the MIND does not know.....